

August 28, 2018
Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee

Enrolment

Our enrolment for the 2018-2019 school year is as follows (as of today):

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| K | 30 |
| 1 | 30 |
| 2 | 30 |
| 3 | 30 |
| 4 | 30 |
| 5 | 29 |
| 6 | 30 |
| 7 | 30 |
| TOTAL | 239 |

Staff Retreat

All of our staff will meet for our annual retreat tomorrow (Wednesday, August 29, 2018) at St. Nicholas' parish in Langley. Father Tran will join us for the retreat. This is a time for our entire staff to focus on spiritual growth as well as meditate on the theme for the school year: *"What Do You Want of Me, Lord?"*. In addition to concentrating on how we will continue to live out Christ's message in our day-to-day interactions with our students and each other, there will also be an opportunity for our staff to engage in some fun activities.

Faith Development Day

On Thursday, August 30, 2018 our staff will attend the CISVA sponsored Faith Development Day. Almost all CISVA schools are represented on this day. It will be held at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium and will feature Father Leo Patalinghug (also known as the host of, "Savouring our Faith" podcast and "Grace Before Meals" on EWTN).

Ministry of Education - External Evaluation

The Ministry of Education will be evaluating our school this year. This evaluation will be done in conjunction with the CISVA Superintendent's Office. Evaluators will The evaluation will take place in late January/early February 2019.

Upcoming Events

- **Weekly Newsletter Blast** - the usual weekly email "newsletter" blasts will commence this Friday, August 31 and continue throughout the school year.
- A monthly newsletter will also continue to be produced (all available exclusively on-line).
- **Mass** – our first school Mass will be held on the first day of school at 11:15 am (Tuesday, September 4, 2018). At this Mass the staff will be

commissioned to teach the faith to the students of St. Matthew's Elementary School.

- **Meet the Teacher Night** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
- **Grade 7 Outdoor Education (Camp)** – Mrs. Sisk and the Grade 7 students, along with Mr. Durante, Miss Welsh and a few education assistants will be attending Outdoor Education at Stillwood (near Cultus Lake). They will leave on Wednesday, September 19 and return on Friday, September 21, 2018).